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- On 11 May 1955, the barrels and track front parts of 4 armored full-track vehicles, six 122-mm field howitzers, four 76-mm field guns, 46 trucks, 25X1 some jacked up, 4 van-like motor vehicles and 2 jeeps were observed on various spots of the barracks installation southeast of Goetzendorf. Motor vehicles observed leaving or entering the installation included 25X1 van-like motor vehicles trucks and ambulance all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation 25X1 and went to the former building of the station komendatura in Goetzendorf where Soviet women and children were also observed. 1
- On 10 May 1955, a lieutenant colonel and 4 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets 25X1 with artillery insignia, and jeep were observed at Camp No 1 where 28 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and/or black-bordered red epaulets were seen at physical training. Thirty-six trucks and 8 guns 25X1 which were partially hidden by the same were observed on the hill east of Camp No 1. About 100 soldiers basked in the area of Camp No 2 where 5 trucks, 2 van-like motor vehicles, 2 jeeps and a tank truck were 25X1 parked in a hitherto unused yard. Four majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia went from Camp No 2 to Camp No 1. Twenty-eight trucks, 4 van-like motor vehicles and a radio truck with an hour-glass shaped 25X1 antenna parked at the parking area north of Kaisersteinbruch. Twelve 37-mm AA guns and 6 light AA guns of an undetermined caliber were also seen there. The latter AA guns were mounted on a pneumatic tired four-wheel gun carriage; breechblock and carriage covered by tarpaulins; tube (small funnel-shaped flash hider) and gunner's seat mounted on one axis; 2 outriggers; tube length estimated at not less than 2 meters; 25X1 caliber, presumably 20 to 25 mm. The gun was smaller and lower than the 37-mm AA gun. It was similar to the AA gun of the air force AAA battalion which has repeatedly been seen in the AAA section of the Karl Kaserne in Kagran since January 1955. Soldiers were observed moving between Camp No 1 and this parking lot where trucks 25X1

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[redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed leaving or arriving. 2

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1. [redacted] Comment. The guns observed, regardless of their calibers, also confirm that the mortar regiment of the 13th Gds Mecz Div has been reorganized into an artillery regiment and re-equipped accordingly.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Camp No 2 has hitherto been used as a processing center for discharges and replacements from the USSR. The light AA gun (presumably 25-mm) has previously been reported with the air force AAA unit in Kagan. Its appearance in Kaisersteinbruch is of interest, however, since it is unusual that 2500th AAA Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div held there should be equipped with guns of this caliber.

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